

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 25, 2011. Claims 1-9, 35-39, and 48-53 currently stand rejected. As explained below, however, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are definite and patentably distinct from the cited references, taken individually or in any proper combination. Nontheless, Applicants have amended the claims to provide further clarity. The amendments include the addition of new claims 54-56, which are patentable for at least the reasons provided below for their respective independent claims. No new matter has been added by the amendment. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims of the present application.

A. Claims 1, 35, and 50 are Definite.

Claims 1, 35, and 50 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for allegedly being indefinite. In particular, the Office Action indicates that the claim recitation “wherein the at least one of the media file representations is enlarged relative to a size of the at least one of the media file representations...” is unclear. While Applicants continue to believe that the language of the claims is clear, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion. As such, the claims now reference the other media file representations for a relative comparison of size. The rejection of claims 1, 35, and 50 is therefore overcome.

B. Claims 1-3, 7-9, 35-37, 39, and 48-53 are Nonobvious.

Claims 1-3, 7-9, 35-37, 39, and 48-53 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0125450 to Adcock in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0091596 to Anthony. However, the cited combination fails to teach or suggest all of the elements of the claims and the claimed invention is not an obvious variant of the cited combination.

Independent claim 1, and similarly independent claims 35 and 50 recite, "cause the at least two media file representations to be displayed in a joint group within the column to the exclusion of other media file representations within the column, wherein a title of a specific

event is displayed in the column in association with the joint group and inclusion in the joint group is graphically indicated.” In other words, media file representations can be grouped within a column and displayed with a title of a specific event that is associated with the grouped media file representations. The cited combination of references fails to teach or suggest this feature.

Adcock, which has been largely relied upon to reject the claims previously, does not teach or suggest this feature of the claims, and Anthony fails to cure this deficiency of Adcock. In this regard, Adcock, with respect to FIG. 4, appears to teach the organization of media file representations into columns based upon date. However, there is no indication in FIG. 4, or elsewhere with the Adcock reference, that select media file representations are grouped together with a title of a specific event and the title is displayed within the column together with the select media representations. The representations 420 in Adcock’s FIG. 4 are associated with a particular time along the left side of the display, but there is no indication that certain representations are grouped in accordance with a specific event and provided with a title for the event.

As such, the display view of FIG. 4 and the remainder of Adcock fails to teach or suggest this feature of the claims, and combining Adcock with Anthony also does not cure this deficiency. Anthony is relied upon merely to address the enlargement of media file representations. Anthony therefore fails to teach or suggest the deficiencies of Adcock indicated above, and Anthony was not cited for this purpose. As such, reliance on the combination of references also does not cure the deficiencies.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 35, and 50, and their respective dependent claims, are patentable over the cited combination for at least the reasons provided above. The rejection of claims 1-3, 7-9, 35-37, 39, and 48-53 are overcome.

C. Claims 4-6 and 38 are Nonobvious.

Claims 4-6 and 38 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adcock and Anthony in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,301,586 to Yang. However, the cited combination relies upon Adcock and Anthony for disclosing the same features as described above with respect to the rejection of the independent claims. Since Adcock and Anthony fail in this regard, and Yang does not cure the deficiencies of Adcock and

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Anthony (nor is Yang cited for this purpose), dependent claims 4-6 and 38 are patentable over the cited combination due at least to the failures of Adcock and Anthony. The rejections of claims 4-6 and 38 are therefore overcome.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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